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AMERICAN SHIRE HORSE ASSOCIATION

~ Mission Statement ~

The mission of the American Shire Horse Association is to maintain the integrity of an accurate registry and to promote the Shire breed through excellence.

(Developed at the 2002 Annual Meeting)

ASHA Fee Schedule

ASHA MEMBERSHIP FEES	US Address	Foreign
Annual Membership (<i>until 12 / 31; for next year after 11 / 1</i>)	\$50	\$65
Two-Year Membership	\$90	\$120
Three-Year Membership	\$130	\$160
Annual Youth Membership (<i>Info & Website - No Vote / No Discounts</i>)	\$15	\$25
Friend of the Shire (<i>Info & Website - No Vote / No Discounts</i>)	\$25	\$40
Life Membership	\$800	\$1,000
Life Membership (<i>Annual Installments for 5 Years</i>)	\$175	\$215
Corporate Membership (<i>5 Year Membership</i>)	\$275	N/A

REGISTRATION FEES	Member	Non-Member
Fillies / Colts up to 6 / 1 of Yearling Year (<i>year after birth</i>) *	\$100	\$200
Fillies / Colts up to 6 / 1 of 2 Year Old Year *	\$200	\$400
Shire Mares / Stallions after 6 / 1 of 2 Year Old Year *	\$400	\$800
Geldings - Any Age *	\$100	\$200
Shire Sport Horses *	\$125	\$125
DNA Kit not with registration	\$40	\$80
Conversion of Blood Type to DNA **	\$40	N/A
ASHA Registration of Fully Registered SHS/CSHA/SHSA Horses (<i>will show same ownership as on foreign papers</i>)	\$100	\$200
DNA Filing SHS / CSHA Registered Horses	\$25	\$50
Transfer of Ownership	\$40	\$80
Transfer of Ownership within Family	\$10	N/A
Bulk Registration or Transfer (<i>submitted together</i>)	10% Discount / 3 or More	
Prefix Registration	\$50	N/A
Lease (<i>each time ASHA processes</i>)	\$40	\$80
Duplicate Papers (<i>replacement papers</i>)	\$40	\$80
5 - Generation Pedigrees	\$10 w/reg — \$20 separately	

* Includes DNA kit for horse being registered

** Conversion available to non-members in conjunction with SSHR registration (\$40)

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2017 Regular Quarterly Board Teleconference Schedule

First Quarter – January 17, 2017

Second Quarter – May 9, 2017

Third Quarter –

Fourth Quarter –

Tentative agendas will be emailed to the membership about one week before the meetings.

Additional Board of Directors teleconferences may be scheduled if needed. Advance notice will be emailed to the membership if time permits.

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Half Page / Vertical 3.75 x 9.875	\$100	\$300
Quarter Page 3.75 x 4.8125	\$50	\$150
Eighth Page 3.75 x 2.2813	\$30	\$90
Breeder's Directory / Text Only 30 characters per line including spaces. 6 total lines of text.	\$25	\$75
Classified Ad / Text Only 30 characters per line including spaces. 6 total lines of text.	\$1 Per Word	— Per Issue

Issues	Mailing Due	Ad Copy Due
Winter	January 15	December 1
Spring	April 15	March 1
Summer	July 15	June 1
Fall	October 15	September 1

A Message From Your **VICE PRESIDENT**

Greetings fellow ASHA members,

I am very humbled to be selected as the vice president of ASHA. I am looking forward to serving with the board of directors and the members of the association, helping with improvements and the growth of the association in a forward thinking and positive direction. We are at a pivotal point for the association, as the board is focusing on the key topics including balancing of the budget, increasing membership, and updating business practices which complement and honor both the previous efforts and the changes we must make to improve informational flow to our current members and potential members. As a small organization (depending greatly on volunteers) with relatively small membership numbers, we struggle with how we can provide the best service to our members with a growing organization.

I believe funding is the number one topic, and should be one of the foremost matters the board focuses on. It is tied to the survival and growth of the association. I will be working closely with the treasurer and secretary as we make some much needed changes to help streamline the way we maintain our financial responsibilities. I expect the board and committee chairs to work with the media committee and membership committee to improve the flow of accurate information in a timely manner to the membership. I would ask all members to work with us as we strive to make positive changes. I understand change can be very scary for some folks but as the times move forward we need to make sure we stay abreast of the times and technology. I am sure I will make a few decisions that will not be popular for some individuals; however I can promise you as the vice president, and as a director, I will do my due diligence of asking for legitimate input and advice on subjects. We need to listen to the members' concerns and take appropriate action. I have listed a few of the major topics that we are currently working on as a board. As the association moves forward to tackle new topics, we must keep in mind the motivation for change to be in the best interest of the entire Shire breed and not one individual.

- Supporting our treasurer in a financial review and revamp of our current way of doing business, with a much higher level of tracking and accountability, will help identify areas to save money as well.
- Supporting our secretary to ensure she gets the support and

training needed for the success of our association. We all can understand the importance of this to our association.

- Supporting the media and membership committees to reach new members and support our current ones.
- Supporting our newsletter editor. Our newsletter is looking fantastic and continues to get better. Information sent to the newsletter needs to be in Word document format, which allows the editor to copy and paste into the final product without having to retype the file. Any other format submitted has to be reformatted and wastes time.
- Asking for membership concerns and showing them that we are legitimately interested and that they have been heard. This was done at the members meeting and saved for future reference.
- The grading up program pros and cons. I will be asking for membership feedback on this topic. I have received a few emails already and they are saved for reference. I will be forming a special task force to look into this which will have members on this committee not just board members.
- Digital vs. paper – this is a topic we have to investigate further. The cost of mailings have become so great that it is one of our top expenses.
- Updating our website and making it more user friendly.
- Updating our judge list with current judges. A new committee has already been formed to take on this task.



Thanks,

Tom

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Goal: To create, maintain and update the Rules, Bylaws and Guidelines utilized by the ASHA.

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Goal: Long term members that can be called upon by each Chair, to help answer questions that arise in their committees that require in depth knowledge of our history and past protocol on various subjects that affect their committee. They are to be utilized as a resource in helping chairs in their specific committees.

— Draft Profit & Loss —

American Shire Horse Association

January 1 - March 31, 2017

DRAFT Total

Income

All-North-American Income	146.02
Breeders' Brochure	450.00
Bulletin/ Magazine	750.00
Education Day Proceeds	1,065.00
Interest Income	24.37
Membership Dues	5,450.00
Merchandise Sales	83.08
Raffle Sale Proceeds	110.00
Registry Income	3,794.44
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	-90.00
Uncategorized Income	-10.00
Total Income	\$11,772.91

Expenses

Advertising	785.00
All-North American Contest Expenses	113.70
Bank Charges	600.51
Board Expenses	369.27
Dues & Subscriptions	175.00
Education Day Cost	574.91
Horse Show Costs	59.70
Mailings to Members	2,196.55
Office Expenses & Supplies	506.99
Payroll Expenses	2,485.47
Postage	188.92
Promotional	750.00
Registry Expenses	1,746.24
Telephone Expense	107.66
Travel	604.60
Uncategorized Expense	42.08
Website & Studbook Hosting	30.00
Total Expenses	\$11,336.60
Net Income	\$436.31

Secretary's — Report —

From the Book of Numbers for 2017:

Registrations – 22 (7 mares, 12 stallions, 3 geldings)

Transfers – 28 (12 mares, 13 stallions, 3 geldings)

Pending Registrations – 15

2017 Membership – 313

I hope spring actually arrives by the time this newsletter is out. It has been a long winter with four ice storms and much freezing and thawing.

I am now settled in one place. We had to move twice this winter due to selling our home in Cedar Springs, MI and the new house in LeRoy, MI not being ready. The office will not be moving anytime soon.

I attended the Education Day and the Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City. It is always great to meet the faces I text and talk to on the phone! We are planning a lot of new things for this year. I hope you will be as excited about items as you see them in the newsletter and on the website.

Please remember to give me your name and the full name of your horse when inquiring about your horses. I am glad to help out, but I do not always remember which owner has which horse.

Thank you to all who are sending in your photos and descriptions with your registration applications. Please do not forget to send in your horse's hair to the lab for the DNA test. This is what holds up most of the paperwork for your horses.

Happy Spring!

Sincerely,
Jan

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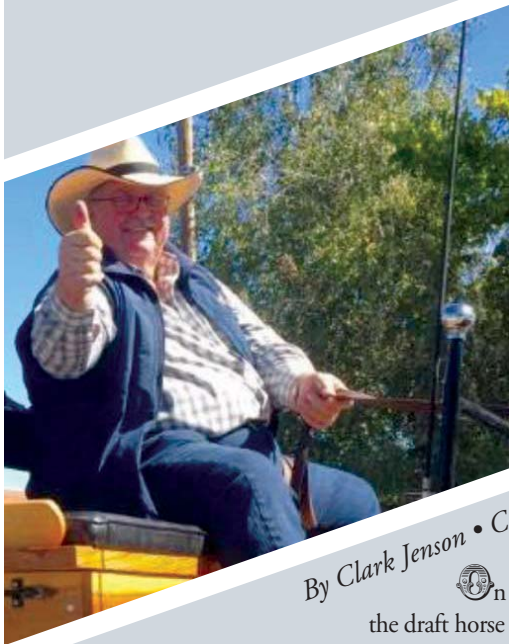
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Tribute To A Great Man Heinz Naef



By Clark Jenson • Contributions by Karla Stoner, Marcia Mayeda, & Charity Greenlee

On February 6th, 2017 the draft horse world got a little smaller. Our friend and fellow Shire breeder, accomplished businessman, and gentleman farmer, Heinz Naef, passed peacefully to his eternal rest following a short illness. Heinz was born and raised in Switzerland. He apprenticed as a chef in the 1970s, working at the best resorts and hotels in the world including Hilton hotels in London and Jerusalem, the InterContinental hotels in London, Tel Aviv, Punta Baluarte Resort (Philippines), Wailea Resort (Hawaii), and Hotel Lott in Seoul. Heinz and his wife, Ursina, immigrated to America as a young couple for better economic opportunities and settled in Los Angeles, California where they raised three daughters and made their home in Rolling Hills Estates. While Heinz established a start-up culinary company, their passion for farming led them to purchase a ranch in Paso Robles, CA which they call Huska Millennium Shires and Huska Millennium Acres. Using the prefix HMA, the Naefs raised Navajo-Churro sheep, pistachios and olives, and of course Shire horses. Along with his wife and children, Annamay, Seraina, and Kristina, Heinz built his farm businesses in California with the help of their long time farm manager Jesus Cisneros. They participated in many events with their Shires including national and regional Shire shows (1999 through 2011), the All-North American contest (2010 and 2011), farming with Shires and parades.

As a professional chef, Heinz established Gourmet Foods Inc. in 1986, which quickly grew to service more than 12 locations across the United States with a robust international following, distributing high quality foods to hotels, clubs, caterers, and airlines. For his contributions to the culinary profession, Heinz received the prestigious Antonin Careme Medal for culinary excellence in 2016. As the president and CEO of Gourmet Foods Inc., Heinz stated that “We are making a constant effort

to provide products that inspire the imagination of our customers by making these products from sustainably grown ingredients, more healthful, and less processed.” This sustainable philosophy extended to Heinz’s farming practices as he worked alongside family and friends to build a superior herd of champion Shire horses with excellent conformation and temperament, many of which are well known. Huska Millennium’s Murphy’s Law 22713-S, a 1999 black Shire stallion bred by the Naefs, was the 2010 United States Dressage Federation (USDF) All-Breed National Champion Shire Horse at 4th level (sponsored by ASHA). Murphy, owned by Marcia and Vincent Mayeda and ridden and trained by Tiffany Kell Brinton gained international renown through the dressage circuit and went on to compete and win the USDF All-Breed National Champion Shire Horse at the Prix St. George level in 2011. Heinz and Ursina imported a gray stallion, Isles Field Grey King (46806) 22746-S, born in 1997, after he won Reserve Junior Champion Stallion at the Peterborough, England show in 1999. King went on to win Grand Champion Stallion at the LA Western Regional Shire show in Pomona, CA in 1999, 2000 and 2003; and he sired more than 20 registered Shires who have competed and won championships in the show ring at the regional and national level. Heinz and Ursina have personally contributed to the Shire breed by producing more than 50 registered Shires and Shire sport horses over the past 20 years.

Heinz attended the ASHA annual meetings from 2000 through 2011 and again in 2013 and 2016. In 2001, Heinz was elected as the president of ASHA where he led the association through some of our most difficult times with leadership, integrity, and professionalism. He served as president for six years, before handing the reins over to Dan Hubbell in 2006. During and following his presidency, Heinz served as ASHA’s international representative 2001-2011 and again in 2016. He worked on many committees over the years, including breed show (2005), fundraising (2006), trade shows (2006), management (2006), printed studbook (2006-2010), stallion inspection (2008-2010), nominating committee chair (2008), rules (2008 and 2016-2017), merchandise (2010), editing (2006-2010), vital statistics (2010), and regional chapters (2010) where he helped establish the New England Shire Friends Chapter which supported educational and social events to bring

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Tribute To A Great Man *continued*

members together in that area. More recently, he served on the secretary search (2015) and media committees (2016-2017). Heinz returned to the ASHA board of directors in 2015 and served as treasurer until 2017.

In 2008, as the chairman of the committee to build a foundation for Shire horse education, Heinz, along with Marcia Mayeda helped to raise the funds necessary to build a non-profit organization which supports the Shire community through funding for educational pursuits. He was chairman of this 'American Shire Horse Educational Foundation' from 2009 to 2011 and served again as a board member from 2015 to 2017.

Tragically, in 2011, the Naefs' youngest daughter Annamay was killed in a vehicle accident at age 16. The loss of their daughter and sister hit the Naefs very hard. Her enthusiasm and kindness is still missed as she was a constant presence caring for the animals around the farm and

helping her father train and exercise their herd of Shires. Heinz was a quiet and thoughtful leader, widely admired for his generosity and kindness; a fierce friend who rarely aired his opinion in print, but rather lent his influence to furthering the Shire breed and the association through sound advice and careful contemplation of any situation. His loss will be keenly felt in the days and years ahead as we seek to follow his example and always keep the Shire in the forefront of our endeavors. God bless and happy trails my friend, until we meet again.



During his Education Day presentation, Darrell Bilke explained that the Pinto Association has added a new "Utility Division" for all draft breeds, including both under-saddle and driving classes. This provides an exciting new opportunity for Shire owners who are interested in showing but live far from our existing shows. For additional information, contact the Pinto Horse Association of America.

New Addition to the Utility Division

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Rules

By Tom Greenlee • ASHA Rules Committee Chair

As the new rules committee chair, I am looking forward to working with the committee members as we research items for board decisions. Please keep abreast of these discussions as we will keep the membership informed via newsletter articles. There were a few registration rules (corrections and clarifications) voted on during the annual meeting. When those minutes are approved during the quarterly teleconference in May those changes will be put into effect and posted to the website. The new changes will help keep us moving forward and up to date with the current times. Stay tuned for the latest updates on the ASHA website and in the summer newsletter. The ASHA committees are updated in the front of this newsletter. Please refer to the list to communicate with appropriate committee members.

Education Day

By Angela Cook • 2016 ASHA Annual Meeting Committee Chair

The event was held at Express Clydesdales in Yukon, OK, utilizing the upper level of their show barn. The morning session was opened by Mr. Darrell Bilke, the executive vice president and COO of the Pinto Horse Association of America. His discussion covered the responsibilities of the board, relationships between members and the board, and the opportunities and benefits of registering Shires with their association.

Don Langille of Meeker, OK provided an excellent hands-on opportunity with five of the Express geldings. First, members were given the experience of hearing and seeing what the judge is looking for in the show ring. Then four other geldings were presented in a "show ring" situation for members to inspect and place. The geldings were then placed by Don and he provided the reasons for his choices. Members were able to ask numerous questions, which will hopefully provide them with knowledge for future show ring opportunities and purchases.

Dr. Melissa Restifo, DVM, DACVIM, DACVECC, and ASHA life member, gave a presentation on health topics affecting Shires. She provided updates on current research and recommendations on muscle disorders, roaring, CPL (scratches) and canker. Melissa was very open to questions from members in regards to their own recent challenges. Her presentation will be posted on the website for all members to review.

The final session provided an opportunity for the attendees to ask questions to Dr. Restifo, Wayne Wareing, and Glenn Lewis. This experience allowed people to ask how situations have been handled with success on their own farms and get suggestions for future challenges.

If you have any ideas or additional topics you would like to see, please contact us. Committee members are listed on page 4 of this newsletter.

ASHA National Show

By Lisa Banga-Graham • ASHA National Show Coordinator

Nothing Compares to the Iowa State Fair! This is the official slogan of the fair, and there is no doubt it is one of the top State Fairs in the nation! Last year the attendance numbers were staggering 1,031,178 people passed through the gates to enjoy the rides, food, agriculture and most importantly the livestock shows. We are excited for this great venue to once again host our National Shire Show in Des Moines Iowa! During the 2016 National Shire Show we saw numbers that set records, and we are looking forward to another tremendous show. We encourage you to help support the show by being a sponsor or donating towards trophies and awards. We try to do a 1st place job in making our show an enjoyable and top notch event and we thank you for your support!

Our official host hotel is the Holiday Inn, see details below and book early!

Shires may start arriving on Saturday, August 12th. The show schedule includes Sunday, August 13th; Monday, August 14th; and Tuesday, August 15th. We will crown the national champions in halter classes starting at 11:00 a.m. on Monday. Our hitches will compete each evening and classes will rotate with the Belgian horses and the Miniature Horses. It is a full schedule of horse shows!!

Introducing our judge for the National Shire Show, we are honored to welcome Mr. Malcolm Yeadon. Malcolm and his wife, Kathy, along with their 2 young daughters live in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada. Horses have been a part of Malcolm's life from a very early age. He has exhibited and judged a multitude of horse breeds and is excited about being our national show judge.

If you would like to be a sponsor, donate toward a trophy, or have questions regarding the National Shire Show, please feel free to contact me at (815) 471-4711 or by email at: drafthorseannouncer@gmail.com. Please follow us on Facebook at ASHA National Show.

I'm honored to be working with the great group of exhibitors and I'd like to thank Danelle Kinney for her guidance and years of dedication to our National Show.

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Fred Weintraub

By Arlin Wareing

Fred passed away March 5, 2017 a few weeks short of his 89th birthday, from complications of Parkinson's disease. Born in the Bronx, New York to the owner of a toy and baby-carriage business, he expanded his father's business to dozens of stores. At age 26 he left his family and pursued a freewheeling life style, settling on the Greenwich Village music scene. He opened the Bitter End, a coffee and ice cream club. It provided a free stage for budding entertainers, including Neil Diamond, Bette Midler, Billy Crystal, George Carlin, Dick Cavett, Joan Rivers, Lily Tomlin, and Flip Wilson, and assisted them in advancing their move to stardom.

Fred sold the Bitter End and joined Warner Bros., where he later became vice president for creative services. His first project was "Woodstock" where he was at first a laughingstock. But in the end he made Woodstock part of our history. The documentary became the sixth-highest-grossing film of the 1970's. He was made a bigger hero than Neil Armstrong. (The moon landing was less than a month before the festival.) It was said, "All he did was walk on the moon, Fred saved Warner Bros."

Fred's first film produced by his own company was the Bruce Lee hit "Enter the Dragon," a block buster hit. In the movie "Dragon" which was the story about Bruce Lee, Fred played the part of

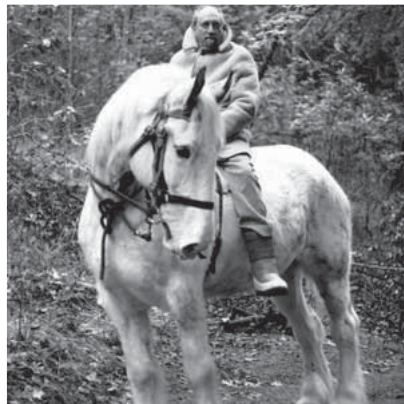
himself, but at the Hollywood premiere he was cut from the final version. Fred was told he wasn't believable as Fred Weintraub.

Without question he was a creative genius in a country bumpkin body. One friend said he was the true Forrest Gump.

Fred and his wife Alex Rose became Shire breeders in 1975 by importing their foundation stock from England. This quality operation became the second largest breeder of Shires in the US at the time, under the banner of "Big Foot." Fred served on the board of directors of ASHA from 1976/1982. He was instrumental in creating the foundation for the organization, including the by-laws, and much of how we function today. Without Fred the association would be much different today. He was big in publicity in many different means. Many new owners and breeders joined the Shire movement because of his efforts. Fred arranged to have a Shire mare on the Dean Martin variety TV show with Jonathan Winters. Alex also a movie producer, had Shires in her movie "Nothing in Common" with Jackie Gleason and Tom Hanks. After the marriage of Fred and Alex ended the horses were sold. Fred did many more movies, plus a TV series in England about Robin Hood, but health issues started to take their toll and he did more writing. He wrote and stated of all his many accomplishments some of his greatest joys were with the Shires.



Bess Armstrong, Tom Selleck & Fred Weintraub on the set of "High Road to China."



Fred on his Shire.



Bruce Lee & Fred on the set of "Enter the Dragon."

2017 Annual Members Meeting & Education Day

By Charity Greenlee • Minutes By Jan Baumgras

The 2017 American Shire Horse Association Annual Meeting and Education Day was held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on February 18-20 of this year. There were about 35 members and board members from all across the US who attended the Education Day event held at Express Clydesdale in Yukon, Oklahoma. The Education Day included an informative brief by Dr. Melissa Restifo (DVM), of the Brandon Equine Medical Clinic, on Common Equine Diseases and Prevention; she has kindly provided a copy for members to view the brief online at <http://shirehorse.org/education-day-briefings/> under the members only section. The Pinto Horse Association of America (PtHAA), executive vice president and COO, Mr. Darrell Bilke, provided an open-ended discussion of issues that smaller registries face such as the use of volunteers, the responsibilities of the board and the opportunity for Shire breeders to register horses with the PtHAA as a utility horse, a recently recognized category within PtHAA. Attendees enjoyed a spirited conversation with Mr. Bilke and beautiful grab bags courtesy of the PtHAA including stone coasters, coffee mugs, pocket calendars, and coveted (if problematic to fly home) pocket knives. Education Day wrapped up in the warm winter sunshine outside as Mr. Don Langille, draft horse breeder, trainer and judge, led a clinic on conformation and judging. Attendees had hands on experience under the guidance of Mr. Langille, feeling for good conformation versus undesirable conformation. The class wrapped up with members and Express Clyde handlers trotting out four handsome, black geldings of the Express hitch team for attendees to try their hand at judging. After lunch, Dr. Melissa Restifo continued her brief with topics selected by the attendees, and a round table discussion with Mr. Wayne Wareing, Mr. Glenn Lewis and Mr. Clark Jenson rounded out Education Day 2017.

The following day, members and board members kicked off the members meeting. Clark thanked our editor Janice Matlock, and newsletter committee for all of the hard work. Janice received a gift



Above: Wayne Wareing, Glenn Lewis & Clark Jenson lead round table discussion.

Left: Lisa Graham.

discussed in short:

- Should a person be a member to participate in ASHA sanctioned shows?
- Are there specialty classes for single horse exhibitors?
- Is there training for new board members?
- We need better documentation of policies and

operating procedures.

- Keep more neutrality in the office.
- How much do we need to grow the membership?
- Is your email address correct with the office?
- Do you receive the ASHA Newsletter?
- Do you use Heavy Horse or the World-wide studbook?
- Should ASHA have reciprocity with other registries?
- Publish owners and registered foals in the Newsletter.
- Let ASHA office know what you are doing with your horses (shows, parades, play).
- Should we start state Shire associations?
- Lots of angst within the organization – healthy debate is good.
- How do we get new members?
- Ease of finding information, want to find other members/mentors.
- Look into grading up Shire mares.
- Are we spreading ourselves too thin?
- Send out a membership directory every couple of years.
- Meetings over long weekends can be a bigger expense.
- Why are you a member?
- Demonstrate the Shire as broadly as possible.
- Are there shows specific for Shires?
- Can we get our judges accredited?

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2017 Annual Members Meeting & Education Day *continued*

- Encourage more Shires to stay in the registry.
- Communication is key.
- What is the benefit of becoming a member?
- Trust factor – mail should come from the ASHA office.
- Facebook is fun – the more you “like” the better we do.
- Pictures get attention and excite owners.
- What is the difference between the Shire Horse Foundation and the American Shire Horse Education Foundation?
- Annual meeting during Denver Stock Show – hard to host the meeting and show horses
- Iowa State Fair is a great place for the National Shire Show.
- What do we do for our youth members?
- Better communication from board of directors and membership.
- How do we retain members?
- Do a better job keeping the website up to date.
- We need to have a presence in the other draft classes.
- Continue the “Friend” membership - \$25/year



Don Langille presentation on conformation and judging.

After a short break, Clark Jenson recognized a letter from Kim Murchison supporting the appendix program as an opportunity to help ASHA's limited gene pool. Next came discussion about whether the election ballots should be signed on the back of the envelope or on the ballot itself. Lisa Graham suggested saving the cost of printing and mailing by using “Election Buddy,” a secure electronic method of collecting one vote per member by either mail or email which would cost the association less than \$100 to run the ballot portion of the election (plus postage for the members who elect mailed ballots). Afterward, discussion included:

- Networking with other draft horse associations?
- Sending Jan Baumgras (ASHA secretary) to the secretaries meeting in Indiana in March at the Belgian Association office.
- Consideration of delivering the ASHA newsletter electronically to those members who elect that option.



Clark Jenson, Brit McLin & Karla Stoner.

- Publishing meeting minutes on the website (including past minutes) in a timely manner.
- Development of a judges card.
- Tickets are available for the annual Troyer Cart raffle, the drawing is always on Saturday of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (contact Karla Stoner at bloomforge@peoplepc.com)
- Member Geryl Wade mentioned Horse Progress Days 2017 will be in Leola, Pennsylvania this year, as the “superbowl” for working horses.
- Before the members meeting was adjourned, the National Show Coordinator, Lisa Graham announced that there is a block of rooms available at the Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa for the National Show at \$115/night August 13-15, 2017. Sponsorship is highly encouraged and we would like to thank all of our sponsors from years past for making the show such a success!

The members meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm and all members were invited to stay for the annual board of directors meeting starting at 1:00 pm in the same location.

If you have questions or concerns about any of the topics mentioned in this article, I would encourage you to contact the appropriate committee chair for more information or further discussion: Information on the ASHA website at <http://shirehorse.org/committees/> or on page 4 of this newsletter.



Education Day brief with Mr. Bilke.

Breed Promotional Events

By Karla Stoner • ASHA Show Committee Eastern Representative

~ 2017 COMPLETED EVENTS ~

Alabama Horse Fair / Montgomery, AL – March 1. New member Lauren Richards of Shoal Creek Farm took Shires to this event. This is possibly the first horse expo for Shires in Alabama!

Roots and Boots Rodeo / Queen Creek, AZ – March 18th. The Arizona Draft Horse and Mule Association had a booth at this event, which included ASHA and Shire breed information. Many thanks to Cori Trout and the ADHMA for promoting Shires!

2017 FEI World Cup Jumping and Dressage Finals / Omaha, NE – March 19 – April 2. The Jensen family had a Shire mare and foal on display in the Gallery of Breeds and participated in several breed demos for the international crowd that attended this event. Information on Shires and ASHA / ASHEF was available to the public.

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Equine Affaire / Ohio – Columbus, OH, State Fairgrounds – April 6-9. ASHA/ASHEF and Shires are returning to this event with an information / merchandise booth and Shire breed demos. Contacts: Karla Stoner, bloomforge@peoplepc.com (booth) or Todd Riedel, traillightfarms@aol.com (horses).

Mid-West Horse Fair, Alliant Energy Center / Madison, WI – April 19-20. WI member Judith Watland will be taking Shires again this year and promoting ASHA & ASHEF.

Draft Horse Youth-Novice Expo / Franklin, PA – May 25-28. Clinic for two days includes seminars and hands on experience with drafts, followed by two day open show. Contact Tom Greenlee at greenleefarmsllc@gmail.com

YMCA Trout Lodge & Camp Lakewood Triangle Y Ranch / Potosi, MO – The director of this camp has requested information on Shires for 200 youth campers who arrive in early June. Brochures for ASHA and the youth program will be sent out.

24th Annual Horse Progress Days / Leola, PA – June 30 & July 1. This event showcases draft animal power as possible, practical and profitable. It is a very unique and informative experience with lots of good food. Information booth: Karla Stoner bloomforge@peoplepc.com. Horses: TBA

Calgary Stampede / Calgary, Alberta Canada – July 6-10. Member Kim Julius will be taking ASHA and ASHEF information to this event.

National Shire Show / Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA – August 13-15. Along with a lot of great Shires, ASHA/ASHEF will have an information booth at the show. Karla Stoner; bloomforge@peoplepc.com.

Keystone International Livestock Exposition / Harrisburg, PA Farm Show Complex – Oct. 5-7. In addition to the Shire Show, there will be an ASHA/ASHEF information booth at this event. Karla Stoner; bloomforge@peoplepc.com.

Black Hills Horse Expo. / Rapid City, SD – October 21-22. Member Kim Julius will be promoting Shires at this event with her horses and information on ASHA and ASHEF.

Equine Affaire / W. Springfield, MA, Eastern States Exposition Grounds – Nov. 10 - 13. ASHA/ASHEF information / merchandise booth, breed stall and breed demos. Contact: Vicky McCaffrey at oxkill@capital.net (horses) or Karla Stoner at bloomforge@peoplepc.com (booth).

ASHA sincerely thanks everyone who is making the time and effort to promote the breed by taking Shires to these events. The public exposure for the breed is invaluable.

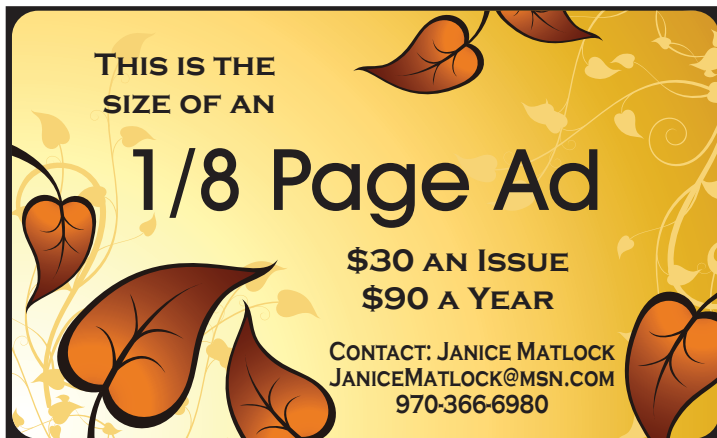
If you have an upcoming promotional event with Shires or recently participated in an event, we would like to publicize it in the newsletter. Please send us information for any upcoming event or a short report and pictures for a recently completed event.

We can also help with Shire, ASHA and ASHEF information for display and handout. Contact Jan Baumgras (secretary@shirehorse.org) or Karla Stoner (bloomforge@peoplepc.com) with reports or requests for handout material.

Membership

By Tom Greenlee • ASHA Membership Committee Chair

I am proud to announce as the new membership chair, the membership committee will be working to develop ways to reach out to the membership and to update our membership list. We are asking all current members to check their information on the ASHA website and verify that we have your current information. This is critical so we can better serve our members. If you find any issues please email secretary@shirehorse.org or mail an update to our new office address at P.O. Box 300, Leroy, MI 49655. Please title the email subject: membership information update. We are looking forward to hearing from our members and meeting new ones.



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ASHA Recognized Shows

By Danelle Kinney • ASHA Show Committee Chair

Western Regional - Colorado State Fair

Eastern Regionals - Skowhegan State Fair &
OH State Fair

National Show - Iowa State Fair

The Board also passed the Member's Show Guidelines document. This is a new, shortened version of the Show Guidelines that eliminates the Show Coordinator duties making this an easier read! It is posted on the ASHA website, under Shows.

ASHA website will post the

Updated Show Guidelines

Election Results

December 7, 2016

By Kim Murchison • ASHA Nominating Committee Chair

2016 Board of Directors Electron Results

Travis Howell	70	
Wanda Johnston	80	ELECTED
Janet Long	84	ELECTED
Sharon McLin	73	RE-ELECTED
Jim Paulson	91	ELECTED
Audrey Stockton	84	ELECTED

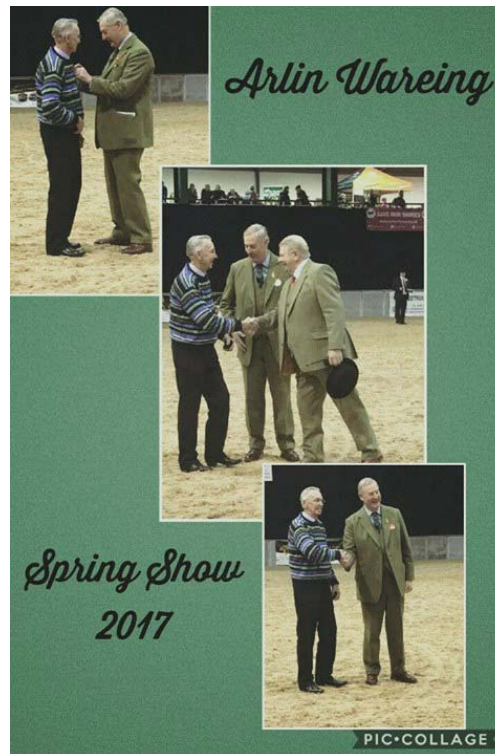
ASHA Bylaw Changes:

Add the following phrase to Article V. Section 3. Of the ASHA bylaws: or failure to attend the regular annual meeting.

YES 99
NO 14

- Total number of ballots mailed to an off-site locked box (not to the ASHA office) - 118
- Total number of ballots counted 117 - 1 ballot not counted as they could not verify membership
- Number of ballot envelopes that were returned to the office (not sufficient address, etc) - 0
- Not all voters voted for 5 candidates and not all voters voted on the By-Law changes
- 2 members contacted the Nominating Chair about not receiving a ballot (1) and not receiving a return envelope (1). Both were sent right out.

Janice B Baumgras, *ASHA Secretary*
Gail K Brady, *Witness*
Jazmyne N Colvin, *Notary Public*



SIR PETER CROSSMAN LONG SERVICE AWARD

Arlin Wareing, Blackfoot, Idaho, USA – 50 years

For over fifty years Arlin has been championing the English Shire Horse in America, he has been quite possibly the most important voice that our magnificent animal has had in that country. At a time when we were desperate for buyers he brought many prospective new owners and breeders to purchase our animals and so established a special relationship between the two countries. Many of our breeders have benefited from the friendships he has unknowingly forged. He has himself been a breeder and exhibitor of over fifty years standing producing some outstanding animals for the American show ring. Arlin has been attending our National Show for many years with only a few being missed due to recent events, he returned last year and was delighted with our move to our present show location. This wonderful gentleman has more than earned our Society's recognition and thanks for all he has done and still does for our breed both here and in America.

Congratulations

Sir Peter Crossman Long Service Award

By Lisa Graham • ASHA Media Committee

At the 2017 National Shire Horse Show held at the Staffordshire County Showground, ASHA Life Member, Arlin Wareing of Blackfoot Idaho was presented the "Sir Peter Crossman Long Service Award." What an honor for over 50 years of dedication to the Shire horse in England and the USA. Arlin and his grandson, Robbie Murdock, flew to England to take in the prestigious horse show, where Arlin was brought center arena and recognized. Our congratulations to Arlin and his family.

2016 All-North American Shire Contest Results

By Danelle Kinney • ASHA Show Committee Chair

STALLION – 3 Yrs & Over		Points	1st	2nd	3rd
All-North American	Loud Bridge Louis, James Paulson, Caledonia, MN & Jenson Shires, Blair, NE	5	5		
Res. All-North American	Black Forest Alfie's Grand Finale, Jeff Bartko, Colorado Springs, CO	4	4		
TWO-YEAR-OLD STALLIONS		Points	1st	2nd	3rd
All-North American	Windcharger Duke, Lindsay LaRiviere, Stony Plain, AB	17	8	1	
Res. All-North American	Haugen-Hill DS Captivate, Danelle Kinney, Red Wing, MN	8	1	5	
3rd	Tally Ho BK's King Francis, Shad & Kim Murchison, Rifle, CO				
YEARLING STALLIONS		Points	1st	2nd	3rd
All-North American	RM's MT Dillon, Jeremy, Casey & Travis Howell, Blackfoot, ID	14	5	4	
Res. All-North American	Kutenai Highbrow Flint, Dale & Maxine Campbell, Dawson Creek, BC	12	4	4	
3rd	Faith's Bittersweet Sunshine, Christopher Ferguson & Faith Bittler, Waterstown, NY				
4th	Gentle Giant Greyson, Audrey-Lyn & Jerry Stockton, Laporte, CO				
STALLION FOALS		Points	1st	2nd	3rd
All-North American	Jenson's Louis Rudy, Clark Jenson, Blair, NE	9			
REGISTERED GELDINGS – Any Age		Points	1st	2nd	3rd
All-North American	Landcliffe Master, Arlin Wareing, Blackfoot, ID	18	9		
Res. All-North American	Illusion Farms Samuel's Son, Heather Proctor, Turner, ME	8	0	8	
3rd	MacKenzie Ernesto, Denise & Tom Roussel, Mitchell, NE				
BROOD MARES – 4 & Over		Points	1st	2nd	3rd
All-North American	Jenson's Diplomat Destiny, Jenson Shires, Blair, NE	9			
YELD MARES – 4 & Over		Points	1st	2nd	3rd
All-North American	RM's Holly Goes Lightly, Charity Greenlee, Pine Grove, PA	25	3	4	0
Res. All-North American	LaRiviere Ruskington Unique, Lindsay LaRiviere, Stony Plain, AB	22	2	2	4
1st Honorable Mention	RM's Splitting Image, Turie Sorrell, Concord, VT	18	3	1	1
4th	Starcastle Delight, Dale Campbell, Dawson Creek, BC				
5th	Hickory Hill Eleanor, Charity & Tom Greenlee Jr., Pine Grove, PA				
6th	Gentle Giant Sheba, Tom & Charity Greenlee, Pine Grove, PA				
7th (tie)	Big Little's Dafna, Audrey-Lyn & Jerry Stockton, Laporte, CO				
7th (tie)	Dangel's Dakota Faith, Tom & Charity Greenlee Pine Grove, PA				
THREE-YEAR-OLD MARES		Points	1st	2nd	3rd
All-North American	Metheringham Upton Tara, Dale & Maxine Campbell, Dawson Creek, BC	23	7	1	0
Res. All-North American	RM's M T Autumn, Turie & Michael Sorrell, Concord, VT	10	2	1	2
3rd	Haugen-Hill HDD Saylor, Danelle Kinney, Red Wing, MN				
4th	Windcharger Diva, Dale & Maxine Campbell, Dawson Creek, BC				
5th	Shire Valley's Annabella, Tom & Charity Greenlee, Pine Grove, PA				
TWO-YEAR-OLD MARES		Points	1st	2nd	3rd
All-North American	Howell Brothers Twiggy, Jeremy, Casey & Travis Howell, Blackfoot, ID	17	8	1	
Res. All-North American	Northeast Isadora, Dale & Maxine Campbell, Dawson Creek, BC	7	1	5	
3rd	Gentle Giant Cher, Blake & Fran Anderson, Didsbury, AB				
4th	Rising Moon MT Lexi, Emile Castonguay, Turner, ME				
YEARLING MARES		Points	1st	2nd	3rd
All-North American	Illusion Farms Remember the Dream, Heather Proctor, Turner, ME	5	5		
Res. All-North American	Windcharger Destiny, Dale & Maxine Campbell, Dawson Creek, BC	4	4		
FILLY FOALS		Points	1st	2nd	3rd
All-North American	Illusion Farms Rustic Liberty, Emile Castonguay, Turner, ME	12	4	4	
Res. All-North American	Tally Ho BK's Charisma, Shad & Kim Murchison, Rifle, CO	8	2	4	
3rd	Haugen-Hill Royal Halo, Danelle Kinney, Red Wing, MN				
4th	MacKenzie Gidget, Kim Murchison, Rifle, CO				



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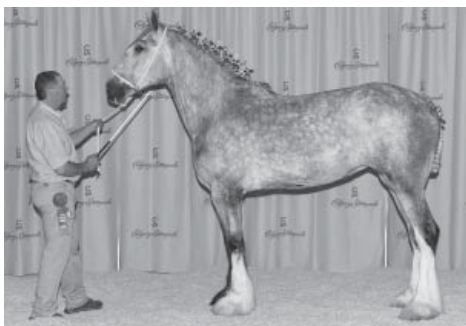
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RM's MT Autumn



Howell Brothers Twiggy



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Illusion Farms Rustic Liberty



Tally Ho BK's Charisma

Appendix Program

Where Do We Go Now?

By Kim Murchison & Sharon McLin

In mid-December, Kim sent a letter to all members of the ASHA board at the time, as well as the newly-elected directors, requesting discussion of this idea at the annual meeting. In part, it said, "There are a couple of reasons for this. First, the appendix or grading-up program is alive and well in the UK, and people there, in Canada, and here in the US are using it to register Shires. Second, in talking with several breeders, Shire mares are harder to find than Clydesdale mares. Third, I'm concerned about our limited gene pool; this could bring newer blood into our breed. Fourth, we could gain new members from Clydesdale mare owners who would breed to Shire stallions and have offspring registerable with ASHA." She suggested limiting this proposal to the offspring from ASHA-registered stallions and registered Clydesdale mares (no other breed); colts could be registered only after they were gelded, but fillies could be registered in the appendix registry and, when bred to ASHA-registered stallions, would have registerable offspring.

Kim added, "This program would help ASHA stallion owners with added income from breedings and would bring money into the association from registering new appendix offspring from Clydesdale mares. It would open up the gene pool to some new blood and it would add numbers to our registry. I don't think we should allow registered Shire mares to be bred to Clydesdale stallions for this program, as we want Shire mares to continue to produce purebred Shire foals. I would propose that shows stick with Purebred Halter shows, with the possibility of adding Appendix Registry classes and allowing the Appendix horses to be shown in hitch classes. Hopefully this would bring in new members to ASHA as well. It would open up the gene pool to some new blood and would add numbers to our registry.

Only two addressees replied prior to the meeting: Travis Howell supported the idea and encouraged us to make this even broader by allowing stallions registered with SHS to sire offspring that we would accept, and Sharon commented that ASHA members had also contacted her with inquiries similar to what Kim had heard.

During the member meeting in Oklahoma City, Kim's letter was read to those present and provoked extensive discussion. While nothing was finalized, it was clear that the overwhelming majority of those present felt, a) that they would like to see the idea limited to Clydesdale mares, since most recognize that Shires and Clydesdales spring from a common genetic base, b) that a two-generation process from Clydesdale mares to full-registerable Shire mares, similar to the process in SHS and SHSA, seemed adequate, and c) that there should be further discussion of the concept. The members present asked the board to develop a task force to work on the idea, and the board agreed.

As often happens at the annual meeting, additional informal discussions took place over lunches and dinners. It became clear that the concept Kim had proposed is fundamentally different in scope from ASHA's existing appendix program. (See article in the Winter '16-'17 newsletter for the history and objectives of that program.) It is much more similar to the SHS appendix program and is essentially intended to compete with it. Support for the idea came from varied members: some are looking for a supply of geldings, some are worried about our narrow genetic base, some are stallion owners who see a new possible market, and many fit in more than one category.

Please watch the website for more information about the task force the board will be appointing, and please ask questions and express your opinions to board members and task force members as this idea is discussed.

All-North-American Shire

By Travis Howell • All-North-American Committee Chair

The All-North-American Committee would like to thank those who participated in the 2016 contest and congratulate all of the winners!

With 2017 upon us please get out and support the Shire and the 2017 qualifying All-North American Shire Shows. We look forward to the 2017 contest and hope it will be a great year for all.

See the All-North American information on the website for rules/procedures and all of the 2017 qualifying shows.



2017 Annual Meeting

By Clark Jenson • ASHA Board President

I was very pleased with our ASHA meeting held in Oklahoma City. Our Education day had some good speakers and a good question and answer session in the afternoon. We had good facilities to work in and every one took something home they could use.

The access we had to the facilities and the horses of Express Clydesdales proved to be a positive factor in making this event educational and rewarding. It pointed out the strong influence our breed has had and is still having on other breeds. No one can sell the Shire breed short in its influence on other draft breeds in the past and the influence it has on the Clydes of today. We had judging of the hitch horses of Express Clydes conducted by Don Langille from Big Shoe Stables.

We proceeded the next morning into the members meeting. Many issues were brought up and discussed with the board in attendance.

We all missed Heinz Naef from our presence. He was well liked by everyone and was truly the strength of the leadership on our board. One of our main efforts this coming year is to improve all aspects of membership services. We want and need greater participation of all our members so we can better serve them.

The board meeting started in the afternoon and after the election of officers we discussed many items of concern to the ASHA. Members of the board elected Clark Jenson as president, Tom Greenlee, as vice president, Wanda Johnston as treasure. We have some new board members and some redistribution of responsibilities. We are looking forward to the new leadership of our association to lead us into the future with each of their skill sets to enhance our organization.

We have reset some of our committees; we have some new skilled people that will have the opportunity to take on this leadership. The committees and chairs of these committees are listed in this newsletter.

In addition, I have asked several of our long time members to serve in a mentoring committee. The committee will serve upon request of the chair of any committee or any committee member to help them better coordinate the past with the future. We need to be able to tap the experience of these past members to help us in the development and molding of the future.

I feel very confident we will all fit together and support each other in a team effort to move forward and see ASHA become a more vibrant organization that can work together as a team in harmony with each other. Our success is based on us all pulling together as a team respecting and supporting each other and putting the Shire first in whatever we do as an association.

Those of us who are breeding Shires are in the foaling swing about now. One of the real joys of having Shires is to watch the foals come and develop. One of our biggest challenges is to mate them back so we are improving the breed as we go forward.

Shire Horse Foundation

By Brit McLin

One of the member questions during this year's Education Day and the members' meeting on the following day was "What is 'the foundation' and what does it do?" There are actually two foundations that support the Shire with slightly different missions and structures. I was asked at the meeting to provide an article for the newsletter about the Shire Horse Foundation (SHF).

SHF was established in 1998 as a 501(c)3 corporation under the IRS rules. This means that it is considered a "public benefit" corporation with "educational, charitable or religious" goals, and that contributions to SHF are therefore tax-deductible for the donor. It was modeled on the Percheron, Belgian, and Clydesdale foundations that were started about the same time, usually because those breeds had a donor who said, "I'd give you a chunk of money (or land) if I could get a tax write-off for it." (Donations to the registries, which are incorporated as 501(c)5s, are not considered charitable donations for tax purposes.)

The focus of SHF is on preserving and providing historical and educational resources related to the Shire breed, as well as activities ("studies, instruction, training and research") for the betterment of the breed. Because of the historical aspect, it can accept both tangible and monetary donations. Over the years, it has supported ASHA's education days with direct monetary contributions, by providing space and facilities for meetings, and by underwriting expenses for speakers.

Several years ago, SHF also ran a stallion service auction following the successful model used by numerous other breed organizations. Donations have been gratefully received from ASHA members, non-member individuals, and corporations. In order to stay in compliance with IRS regulations, the majority of its donations have always come from corporations or from individuals other than its board members, although its directors solicit donations (as is typical of charitable non-profits) for SHF.

If you have questions about the Foundation or would like to support its activities, please contact me. All donations are promptly acknowledged and used in compliance with SHF's mission.



Show Schedule

Mark Your Calendars

NOTE

Qualifying shows for the ALL NORTH AMERICAN CONTEST (ANA) are coded as follows:

(AA) show: 1st - 4th (A) show: 1st - 3rd
(B) show: 1st or 2nd (C) show: 1st only

August 2-3

2017 ASHA REGIONAL SHOW
Ohio State Fair, Columbus, OH
www.ohiostatefair.com

(B) Halter – 08/03

Judge: TBA

Coordinator: Todd & Emily Riedel
traillightfarms@aol.com

Entry Deadline: July 1

Late entries accepted w/ additional fees.
Qualifier: The Great American Shire Shootout
Premium book on-line in May.

August 13-15

2017 NATIONAL SHIRE SHOW
The Iowa State Fair

(AA) Halter – 08/14

Judge: Malcolm Yeadon, Ontario Canada

Coordinator: Lisa Graham 815-429-3798
gatheringmeadows@sisna.com

Entry Deadline: 07/01 Late entries accepted.

August 18

2017 ASHA REGIONAL SHOW
Skowhegan State Fair, Skowhegan, ME
www.skowheganfair.com

(A) Draft – 08/18

Judge: TBA

Secretary: Hope Ricker
hersec96@aol.com

Coordinator: Emile Castonguay
emilecastonguay@maine.edu

Entry Deadline: 08/07 Late entries accepted.

August 31 – September 1

2017 ASHA REGIONAL SHOW
Colorado State Fair, Pueblo CO
www.coloradostatefair.com

(A) Halter 08/31 @ 6pm / Hitch 09/01 am start
Judge: TBA

Coordinators: Victoria Hauser victoria@hoofnet.com
Kim Murchison thshire@sopris.net

Entry Deadline: 08/12

Late entries accepted w/ additional fees.
Premium book online 06/01

October 5-7

Keystone International Livestock
Exposition, Farm Show Complex,
Harrisburg, PA
www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us

(B) Halter – 10/06 am

Judges: TBA

Coordinator: Karla Stoner
bloomforge@peoplepc.com

Entry Deadline: TBA

Premium List:

Online Registration: TBA

Qualifier: The Great American Shire Shootout

OTHER QUALIFYING SHOWS 2017 ALL-NORTH AMERICAN CONTEST

Canadian – All Levels

Central Alberta Draft Horse Classic,
Olds, Alberta

(B) Canceled for 2017.

Will move to Ponka Stampede, Ponka,
Alberta in 2018.

July 6-10

CSHA National Shire Show
Calgary Stampede, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
http://ag.calgarystampede.com/
event/633-heavy-horse-show.html
(AA)

Entry Deadline: 06/03

July 12-15

Lloydminster Colonial Days
Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, Canada
www.lloydexh.com/colonial-days
(C)

July 27-29

Vermilion Fair
Vermillion, Alberta, Canada
www.vermilionfairag.ca/fair
(C)

August 9-13

Dawson Creek Exhibition
Dawson Creek, British Columbia
www.dawsoncreekfair.com
(C) Email: info@dawsoncreekfair.com

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July 24-30

Olmsted County Fair – Rochester, MN,
www.olmstedcountyfair.com
Coordinator: Danelle Kinney
haugenhill@hotmail.com
Premium book available mid-May.

August 11-12

Addison County Fair — Middlebury, VT
Coordinator: Turie Sorrell
sorrellsph@gmail.com

Premium Books: Kathy Kennett
1716 VT Route 22A
Panton, VT 05491
or email: kkennett@together.net

August 24 – September 4

Nebraska State Fair — Lincoln, NE
www.statefair.org
Draft – TBA

August 29 – September 3

New York State Fair — Syracuse, NY
www.nysfair.org
Halter – 08/29

Mares & Stallions – 08/30

Geldings & Youth – 08/31

Hitch – 09/03

Coordinator: Vicky Mcaffrey
oxkill@capital.net

Premium Book: Website or Naomi Blumenthal
315-682-1933

Qualifier: The Great American Shire Shootout

September 21-24

Draft Horse Classic — Grass Valley, CA
www.nevadacountyfair.com
Phone: 530-273-6217

October 1-8

Fryeburg Fair — Fryeburg, ME
www.fryeburgfair.com
Halter – TBA

Entry Deadline: TBA

Phone: 207-935-3268

Email: info@fryeburgfair.org

This show would love to have more hitches!

October 12-15

Michigan Great Lakes International
Battle Creek, MI
www.mgli.org

Phone: 517-240-6730

Email: dmoodymgli@hotmail.com

January 2018

National Western Stock Show
Denver, CO
www.nationalwestern.com

Show Dates: TBA

Phone: 303-299-5525.

The American Shire Horse Educational Foundation

By Karla Stoner • ASHEF Board Member

2016 Year End Financial Report

Checking/Savings Bal. 01/01/2016	\$6,136.55
Donations Deposited	\$4,339.95
Interest Earned	\$1.44
Starting Balance <u>plus</u> Income	\$10,477.94
Payments Made	-\$2,930.70
Bank Fees	-\$156.50
Checkbook Balance 12/31/2016	\$7,390.74
Adj. to Match Bank Balance	-\$0.55
Bank Statement Bal. 12/31/2016	\$7,390.19

2016 Funding & Expenses

Tax Services	\$250.00
Video Script (bal. due)	\$450.00
Trade Show Booths (3)	\$898.75
Youth & Novice Congress	\$500.00
Total	\$2,098.75

Proposed 2017 Budget – Draft to be reviewed

Income	
Donations	\$5,500.00
Interest	\$1.50
Miscellaneous	\$250.00
Total	\$5,751.50
Starting Balance	\$7,390.19
2017 Total	\$13,141.69

Funding & Expenses

Bank Service Charges	\$160.00
Printing: Brochures, ASHA & Youth	\$2,000.00
Shire Promotional Video	\$3,000.00
Youth Novice Congress	\$500.00
Equine Affaires & Horse Progress Days (50%)	\$1,000.00
Total Funding / Expenses	\$6,660.00
Net (total – funding/expenses)	\$6,481.69

ASHEF sincerely thanks the following people who donated in 2016:

Excel Energy / Danelle Kinney • Ken Knuth • Heinz Naef • Karla Stoner • Dawn Wikel

ASHEF Board Members for 2017 – Three additional ASHA board members were appointed to the ASHEF board. Additionally, ASHA member, Anthony VanHorn volunteered for the ASHEF board and has been presented to the ASHA board for approval.

Sincere thanks to outgoing board members who termed out this year, their contributions over the last 6 years are greatly appreciated:

Ken Knuth (Treasurer), Gene McCaffrey, Karla Stoner and Dawn Wikel.

2017 Projects

• **Shire Promotional Video** – Progress is being made in obtaining high definition video clips. YEAH!! Thanks to members Dayla Kolher and Audrey-Lyn Stockton for sending in footage. RFD-TV and Rural Heritage are willing to donate some of their production quality film on Shires. Janet Long provided a contact with Shires For Hire and they are checking their files. We can still use more photos and videos, showing the versatility of Shires. Contact any committee member for more information. Note: High Definition needed.

• **Sponsorship for July 2017 Youth/Novice Congress** – This event, managed by the Clydesdale Breeders of the USA and co-sponsored by the Belgian Corp. of America, will be held again July 19-23 in conjunction with the Dade County Fair at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, WI. ASHEF will be in communication with the Clydesdale association about a sponsorship for this event. One ASHA member attended last year and plans to go back this year. We hope to see more Shire participants at this 2017 event!

• **Cost share on 2017 Shire promotional events** - ASHEF will be covering a percentage (50% or % TBD) of the 2017 costs for booths at Equine Affaires in Ohio and Massachusetts and Horse Progress Days in Pennsylvania.

~ **The ASHEF Board of Directors for 2017 (as of 02/20/2017) -**

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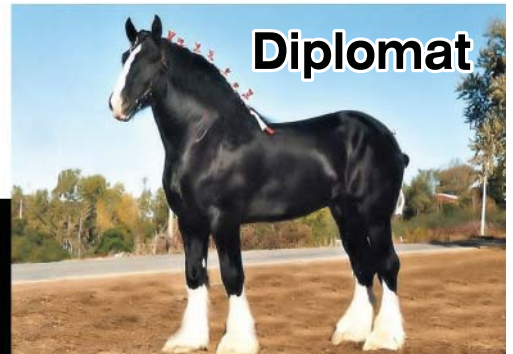


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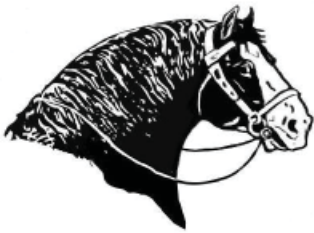
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